

Remarks

Claims 212, 213, 215-223 and 225-229 were pending in the application. Claims 212, 213, 215-223 and 225-229 were rejected. Claim 212 is amended. Claim 230 is added. Claims 212, 213, 215-223 and 225-230 are now pending. Claim 212 is the independent claim. Reconsideration of the amended application is respectfully requested.

The examiner rejected claims 212, 213, 215-223, and 225-229 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Lebby et al.

Independent claim 212 is amended for clarity. As amended, independent claim 212 recites a mobile display device, in particular for displaying text and image information. The mobile display device includes a casing, at least one manipulation region for operation by a user, and at least one actuatable operating element. The casing has a planar display unit with at least one planar display screen disposed on a first side of the casing. The manipulation region is provided at a border zone of the display unit in such a way that the user can perform operating actions with one or more fingers of one hand. The at least one actuatable operating element is arranged within the manipulation region on a second side of the casing that faces in a direction different than the first side. Actuation of the at least one operating element individually or in combination initiates leafing-through functions to navigate document content displayed on the display screen, scrolling functions to navigate document content displayed on the display screen, or providing functions for selection menus. At least one operating element is adapted to actuate, on selection in an initial state, a specific first functionality, and, immediately after actuating the first functionality, is automatically re-programmed to be adapted to

actuate, in a next state, a selected second functionality. The first side of the casing is a front side and the second side of the casing is a rear side.

Thus, claim 212 recites that at least one operating element is adapted to actuate, on selection in an initial state, a specific first functionality, and, immediately after actuating the first functionality, is automatically re-programmed to be adapted to actuate, in a next state, a selected second functionality.

The claimed feature is disclosed in connection with Figs. 15 and 16. A description of this feature is found, for example, in the original specification in the paragraph spanning page 17, line 34 and page 18, line 17. Further description is provided, for example, on page 40, at lines 4-23. The description provided in the specification is enabling, that is, is sufficient to provide information such that one of ordinary skill in the art can make and use the invention based on the description.

This claimed feature of the mobile display device is not disclosed or suggested by Lebby et al. According to this claimed feature, an operating element (for example, a key) is adapted to actuate a specific first functionality when selected in an initial state. Immediately after actuating the first functionality, the operating element is automatically re-programmed to be adapted to actuate a selected second functionality when in a next state. Thus, a key can be used twice in succession first to provide a first function and then to provide a second function, the functionality change taking place automatically.

For example, as recited in new claim 230, the first functionality can be a menu providing function, and the second functionality can be a menu selection function. In this

case, a key can be used twice in succession, first to provide a menu and then to provide a selection from the menu, the functionality change taking place automatically.

As pointed out by the examiner, the Lebby et al. device includes a menu-driven CPU/MPU 560 that updates display pages and provides other functionality, including unspecified custom functions (column 5, lines 34-45, Fig. 5). However, Lebby et al. do not disclose or suggest an operating element that provides a first function and enables a second function automatically, as recited in claim 212. Menu-driven functionality is well-known, but that is not what is recited in claim 212. Particular aspects of an operating element that provides a first function and then automatically provides a second function are recited, and Lebby et al. do not disclose or suggest these recited aspects.

Lebby et al. also mention that functions or controls may be menu-driven using a cursor or stylus on the page displays. See column 5, lines 65-67. However, this is the only other mention of menu selection made by Lebby et al.

For at least the reasons noted above, it is submitted that do not disclose all of the features of claim 212, and therefore do not anticipate claim 212. Claims 213, 215-223 and 225-230 depend from claim 212, and therefore also are not anticipated by Lebby et al. The rejection of claims 212, 213, 215-223 and 225-230, therefore, should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all objections and rejections have been overcome. It is therefore requested that the Amendment be entered, the claims

allowed, and the case passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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